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January 22, 2010

TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Freedman 
Chief Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **NOTICE TO DECLINE TO CONTRACT WITH COMPASSION CARE CENTER,
A DRUG/MEDI-CAL AGENCY**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) will decline to contract with the Compassion Care Center because of the financial risks associated with contracting and the intensity of oversight required for Drug/Medi-Cal (DMC) programs.

On November 5, 2008, the Board of Supervisors delegated the authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to decline to contract with agencies for DMC program services, following County Counsel review and approval, and notification to the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO). This memorandum serves to notify the Board offices and the CEO, and disclose the reasons for the declination and termination.

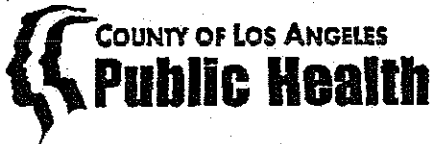
California State Health and Safety Code Section 11758.43 requires the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (SDADP) to contract directly with State-certified DMC providers when the County declines to contract with the provider. However, before it can do so, SDADP requires that the County Board of Supervisors inform SDADP in writing of its intent to not contract with the provider. The notification to SDADP has likewise been delegated to the Director of DPH or his designee. Attached is an executed copy of the Board's action.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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Attachments

c: Doraine Meyer
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John Viernes, Jr.



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November 5, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

→ **APPROVAL TO DECLINE CONTRACTING WITH FOUR STATE CERTIFIED
DRUG/MEDI-CAL AGENCIES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to decline to contract with Caring Residential Care, Inc., Goretti Health Services, Inc., Ubenete Charity, Inc. and Volunteers of Africa and to provide written notification to the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs about the County's decision not to contract with these four State certified Drug/Medi-Cal agencies, and authorization to decline to contract with other Drug/Medi-Cal agencies that are non-compliant.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to sign the attached letter to the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (SDADP) notifying the State of the County's decision to decline to contract for Drug/Medi-Cal (DMC) services with Caring Residential Care, Inc. (CRC), County Agreement Number H-701241, Goretti Health Services, Inc. (GHS), County Agreement Number H-701116, Ubenete Charity, Inc. (UCI), County Agreement Number H-801677, and Volunteers of Africa (VA), County Agreement Number H-702614.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to decline to contract with agencies for DMC program services and to terminate Agreements with other

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treatment services, the SDADP applied the judgment to all drug abuse treatment programs supported by DMC funding. Although the State determines provider eligibility, the County can choose to reject to contract with a State certified provider. However, before it can do so, SDADP requires that the County Board of Supervisors or an authorized designee provide written notification of its decision not to contract with the agency.

Attachment A is the County's letter to SDADP advising the State it will not contract with the four certified agencies. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the letter as to form.

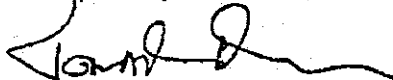
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current services. California State Health and Safety Code Section 11758.43 requires SDADP to contract directly with State certified agencies, when the County declines to contract with the agencies.

CONCLUSION

When approved, DPH requires four signed copies of your Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director and Health Officer

Attachment (1)

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors